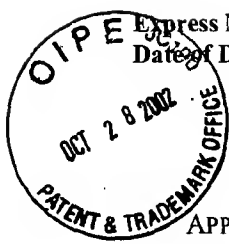


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In the Specification:

Please insert the enclosed Sequence Listing, pages 1-33, at the end of the specification.

In the Claims:

Kindly replace pending claims 1-41 with the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) a mature form of an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 10;
 - (b) a variant of a mature form of an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 10, wherein one or more amino acid residues in said variant differs from the amino acid sequence of said mature form, provided that said variant differs in no more than 15% of the amino acid residues from the amino acid sequence of said mature form;
 - (c) an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 10; and